



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A composition for preventing, ameliorating or treating a bowel disease, comprising galactomannan and/or arabinogalactan.
2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the bowel disease is an inflammatory bowel disease.
3. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition comprises degraded galactomannan as the galactomannan.
4. (Previously presented) A food or a medicament comprising the composition as defined in claim 1.
5. (Original) A liquid food for preventing, ameliorating or treating a bowel disease, comprising a protein and galactomannan and/or arabinogalactan.
6. (Original) The liquid food according to claim 5, wherein the bowel disease is an inflammatory bowel disease.
7. (Original) The liquid food according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the protein is one or more proteins selected from the group consisting of a soy protein, a milk protein, a yolk protein, an albumen protein, a wheat protein and a degraded product thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The liquid food according to claim 5, wherein the liquid food comprises degraded galactomannan as the galactomannan.
9. (Original) A composition for preventing, ameliorating or treating an irritable bowel syndrome, comprising galactomannan.
10. (Original) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the composition comprises degraded galactomannan as the galactomannan.
11. (Original) A medicament or a food comprising the composition as defined in claim 9 or 10.
12. (New) A method for preventing, ameliorating or treating a bowel disease, comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to a patient suffering from said bowel disease.
13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the bowel disease is an inflammatory bowel disease.
14. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said galactomannan and/or arabinogalactan is administered with a protein.
15. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the protein is one or more proteins selected from the group consisting of a soy protein, a milk protein, a yolk protein, an albumen protein, a wheat protein and a degraded product thereof.
16. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the bowel disease is irritable bowel syndrome.

17. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said composition is administered as a liquid food.